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SILAS' FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY

## Keep serving him.

Service in the kingdom is the best way to spend your time. Let your thoughts and actions this week reflect your thankfulness.

### MANA'S BAPTISM

In March, a young lady named Mana who knows Dora, a local Christian, contacted the Porirua church to ask about Bible study opportunities. Right away, I provided her with some study materials and information about home Bible studies. She didn't seem ready to commit to the in-home studies just yet, but she promised to read over the materials I gave to her. It didn't take long for her to get back in touch with us about those studies we offered, and she began a weekly study with John, Erin, and Dora right away.

Mana is the daughter of the local Presbyterian pastor. It's probably needless to say that she was surprised at some of the things that she was learning from her own Bible. She continued in the studies regularly with John and Erin, and she was baptized into Christ on the 12th of June.

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Immediately, the persecutions at home began for her. The devil is trying his best to discourage Mana and keep her away from the church. She needs all the prayers and encouragement she can get. If you would like to send her a note, please send it to:

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### RESIDENCY APPLICATION

We were finally able to lodge our New Zealand residency application in June! We have been assigned an immigration officer, and she says we should know by early September whether or not residency will be granted. Please be praying!

### USA TRIP

From 22 June - 13 July, we were in the USA again for Haley Chrisman and Chris Wilson's wedding. The wedding was beautiful and sweet. Sweeter yet is to know that both Haley and Chris are Christians dedicated to serving the Lord together. It was also a blessing to spend a bit of time with our physical families and celebrate Silas' first birthday with them.

Though I had not officially planned any preaching appointments, I was still blessed with an opportunity to preach for both the Finger and Bethel Springs churches during our trip.

### BIBLE STUDY UPDATES

#### MARK

My weekly studies with Mark took an interesting turn this month. We were progressing smoothly through the gospel, having spent time studying the identity, death, and resurrection of Christ; the new covenant of Christ; and the authority of Scripture in our lives. Then we began a study of the church in the Bible. I knew that Mark identified with a group called the Twelve Tribes of Israel, and I knew a little bit about what they believed. However, it all began to come out when we started studying about the church. Though Mark had previously committed to only believing what the Bible teaches regarding religion, he brought out a booklet that included thirteen statements of belief regarding the Rastafarian sect. The thirteenth states:

*We accept that as followers of His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie 1, (whose pre-coronation name was Ras Tafari) we MUST study and obey His teachings and follow his example and not the traditions, sayings of anyone which are contrary to his words or the Holy Bible.*

He assures me that this booklet is not a *creed*, so to speak, but the words of it are still very dear to him, and he holds fast to them. In



**MANA'S BAPTISM**



**145-PAGE RESIDENCY APPLICATION**



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short, Rastafarians believe that the Emperor of Ethiopia is the descendant of King Solomon and is the rightful King of kings and Lord of lords. Though the Ethiopian Empire was abolished in 1975, they currently treat Zera Yacob Amha Selassie as their Emperor. I have committed to continue my studies with him to see what progress, if any, we can make together for the truth. Needless to say, it is going to be slow moving with someone who has already committed to reject the teachings that differ from those of “His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie 1.”

This is a little more information than I normally include in our newsletters about our Bible studies, but I thought this particular turn of events worth detailing. Please pray for wisdom, patience, love, and boldness for me.

### CHINESE STUDENTS

The Wellington church has enjoyed some Chinese visitors in the past month. All of them struggle with English, though we are still able to communicate. We are thankful to have a few members of the church that speak Mandarin. We were also able to give them some DVDs from World Video Bible School in Chinese. In addition, we pointed them to the [online lessons by John Grubb](#) that we recorded in March.

Their knowledge of the Bible and Christianity is limited to what they have heard through tradition (which is mostly inaccurate). We have equipped them with English/Chinese interlinear Bibles. Grant, one of our Chinese members, has begun a study in Mandarin with them on Sundays, and I have begun one with them in English on Wednesdays. They have really enjoyed learning first-hand the truth about Christianity. I pray this will transform from an academic exercise to a spiritual one soon.

### TUSI'S CREW

For the past couple of months, Tusi's Crew has been missing, well, *Tusi*. Tusi has accepted a job position that keeps him at work later than before, and so he has missed a lot of the studies. We have now reorganised the studies to better suit Tusi's schedule, and it's great to have the entire crew back together for study.

### ALICIA

Now that we're back from the USA, and school holidays are over, Alicia and I are scheduled to resume our studies by Skype next week.

### BB'S CREW

The Joneses are currently in the USA for the first time since they moved here two years ago. Before their trip, John had enjoyed a weekly study with some of his Cambodian friends. These studies began many months ago as English studies. As was John's hope, they eventually turned into Bible studies. His progress in teaching them the Bible was going so smoothly, he asked me to continue the studies while he and his family were gone. I've been blessed to teach them several times now. Like with our new Chinese friends, it's beautiful teaching people the Bible in a straight-forward manner, without having to worry about previous false indoctrination. Sotra, Sokhom, and Nhem are wonderful students and very kind people.

### CONCLUSION

We continue to thank God for you and your love for us. We know we couldn't do this work without you. Please continue to pray for us. Your love for the Lord and His kingdom serve as a great example to us.

Keep serving Him.

*Lance, Kristen, and Silas Mosher*